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<u>VISITORS TO NEW HAMPSHIRE CAN "LIVE FREE AND LOVE" THIS VALENTINE'S DAY</u>

Granite State offers distinctive ways to celebrate love this February 14th

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE – February 3, 2014 – Guests are invited to "Live Free And Love" this Valentine's Day in New Hampshire (www.visitnh.gov) in a destination full of romantic sights, beautiful scenery and New England charm. Travelers looking to celebrate love in the Granite State will be treated to a host of diverse activities, ranging from limited-time packages at its grand hotels and inns to promotions at popular local attractions. More information on New Hampshire's Valentine's Day offerings are below:

Benjamin Prescott Inn - Jaffrey, N.H. Special Valentine's Day Discount

February 7 – 23

In celebration of loving marriages, the Benjamin Prescott Inn will take the number of years a visiting couple has been married as a percentage discount, applicable to couples who have been married for up to 25 years. This also includes chocolates and flowers in their guestroom. For an additional \$60 per person, travelers are encouraged to "heat things up" with a glass blowing class at Terrapin Glass, just two miles down the road. For an additional \$60/person, guests can cuddle up on a sleigh ride for two through Sawyer Farm with beautiful views of Mt. Monadnock and all just 1 hour from Worcester and 1 ½ hours from Boston.

<u>Contact:</u> More information is available at <u>www.benjaminprescottinn.com</u> or by calling (603) 532-6637.

Black Mountain – Jackson, N.H. Chairlift Speed Dating

Saturday, February 15 – 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

<u>Details:</u>Seeking someone who shares a love of skiing? Black Mountain, is hosting its annual Chairlift Speed Dating event where guests will ride the "lift of love", a double chairlift, with another single. When they reach the summit, the lucky duo can either ride down the mountain together if they hit it off or head back to the lift for another opportunity. Registration for the event starts at 12:30 p.m. in the main base lodge, and participation mandates that guests purchase a lift ticket or have a Black Mountain season pass. Additionally, the Lostbo Pub is hosting an après-ski event that day from 3:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m. featuring special "love potions" being served. Prizes will be given away to new couples and the winner of the "Best Pick-up Line" contest.

Contact: More information is available at www.blackmt.com or by calling (603) 383-4490.

Children's Museum of New Hampshire – Dover, N.H. Kids Valentine's Night At the Museum

Friday, February 14 - 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

<u>Details:</u> Kids can have an evening of fun at the museum while adults enjoy their own night out on Valentine's Day. Children will have exclusive access to all the Museum's exhibits as well as participate in a scavenger hunt, take-home crafts and science activities, all supervised by Children's Museum educators. Cheese pizza, fruit, juice and water will be served for dinner, and each child can decorate their own cookie for dessert. Pre-registration is required, so guests are encouraged to call the museum to sign up. <u>Contact:</u> More information is available at <u>www.childrens-museum.org</u> or by calling 603-742-2002.

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• Hanover Inn at Dartmouth's PINE restaurant – Hanover, N.H. Valentine's Day Four-Course Prix Fixe Dinner

Friday, February 14

This fireside prix-fixe Valentine's Day dinner at the historic Hanover Inn's PINE restaurant is filled with nearly every sensuous and sophisticated taste of romance. Starting at \$75 per person or \$95 per person that includes wine pairings selected by Executive Chef Justin Dain, this hearty and wholesome meal features traditional New England delicacies such as oysters with champagne and more sophisticated cuisine that ranges from seared tuna with cabernet butter sauce to beef tenderloin, demi-glace. The dinner concludes with special Valentine's Day desserts. To sustain the Valentine mood, instead of driving home, guests can select the Hanover Inn's Romance Package that starts at \$243 and includes overnight accommodations, breakfast for two and a bottle of wine or strawberries hand-dipped in chocolate.

<u>Contact:</u> More information is available at <u>www.hanoverinn.com</u> or by calling 603-643-4300.

• Mt. Washington Bed & Breakfast - Shelburne, N.H. "Puppy Love Stay and Sled" Valentine's Day Special

Guests who stay at the Mt. Washington Bed & Breakfast over President's Weekend and Valentine's Day for three nights can enjoy free flowers and chocolates, and also reserve a dog sledding adventure with Muddy Paw Sled Dog Kennel on Valentine's Day and arrange for an early check-in to get ready for the adventure. Rates start at \$300 for three nights lodging, a hearty breakfast each morning and afternoon baked goodies. Dog sledding rates will vary depending on the selected adventure.

<u>Contact</u>: More information is available at <u>www.mtwashingtonbb.com</u> and <u>www.dogslednh.com</u>.

Outdoor ESCAPES New Hampshire, LLC

10% off a full-day, 1/2-day, or multi-day custom private guided adventure for two Friday, February 14

Offering unique adventure activities and itineraries all over the state, Outdoor ESCAPES New Hampshire is offering a chance for lovebirds to experience the great outdoors for less with 10 percent off a full-day, half-day or multi-day private guided adventure tours for two. Winter and spring options for couples range from nordic skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, backcountry and survival skills, animal tracking, outdoor photography, target archery, fly fishing, kayaking, canoeing and bicycling across the state's beautiful landscape in the Great North Woods Region, Lakes Region, White Mountains Region and beyond.

<u>Contact:</u> More information is available at <u>www.outdoorescapesnewhampshire.com</u> or by calling (603) 528-0136.

• 1810 House B&B and Antiques - Wolfeboro, N.H. Valentine's Day Special

February 14 - 15

Guests who book Friday and Saturday night stays at the historic 1810 House B&B and Antiques will receive champagne (or sparkling cider) with either a cheese and cracker plate or chocolate covered strawberries. Guests will be given a morning breakfast choice of orange, grapefruit, cran-raspberry juice or mimosas. For antique buffs, a special offseason antique shop opening will be available with special valentine discounts.

Contact: More information is available at www.1810house.net or by calling (603) 515-1765.

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